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FOLLOWING NEW DELHI 11190 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BOMBAY  
CALCUTTA MADRAS AUG 9, 1977 REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

UNCLAS NEW DELHI 11190

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: INDIAN ENTRY REGULATIONS

1. INDIAN GOVERNMENT (GOI) HAS RECENTLY MADE TWO  
IMPORTANT CHANGES IN ITS ENTRY REGULATIONS FOR TRAVELLERS.  
ONE AFFECTS AIR TRAVEL, THE OTHER OVERLAND ENTRY BY  
PRIVATE VEHICLE.

(A) PASSENGERS ARRIVING BY AIR WITHOUT INDIAN VISA MAY BE  
ISSUED ENTRY PERMIT ("AIRPORT VISA") ON ARRIVAL. PERMIT  
PREVIOUSLY VALID 28 DAYS FOR THAT ENTRY ONLY, NOW VALID 30  
DAYS' STAY WITH 3 ENTRIES WITHIN 90-DAY PERIOD  
(NOT REPEAT NOT 3 MONTHS). AIRPORT VISA WILL BE  
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ISSUED ONLY ONCE IN SIX-MONTH PERIOD; TRAVELERS MAKING MORE  
THAN THREE TRIPS TO INDIA IN THAT TIME MUST REPEAT MUST OBTAIN  
REGULAR INDIA VISA BEFORE ARRIVAL. ABOVE LIMITS STRICTLY  
ENFORCED BY GOI AND EMBASSY NEW DELHI IS NOT IN  
POSITION TO OBTAIN EXCEPTIONS. NEW RULES EFFECTIVE APRIL  
1, 1977 TO MARCH 31, 1978; POSSIBILITY EXTENSION UNKNOWN  
AT PRESENT.

B) AS OF APRIL 30, 1977, FEDERATION OF INDIAN  
AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION (FIAA) UNILATERALLY DISSOCIATED ITSELF  
FROM THE FEDERATION INTERNATIONALE DE L'AUTOMOBILE (FIA) IN  
PARIS, AND CEASED TO RECOGNIZE CARNETS ISSUED BY THAT  
ORGANIZATION FOR ENTRY OF PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES INTO INDIA.  
THE ONLY ORGANIZATION WHOSE CARNETS CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED BY  
GOI IS ALLIANCE INTERNATIONALE DE TOURISME, LOCATED GENEVA.  
PRIVATE TRAVELERS DRIVING THROUGH INDIA SHOULD BE AWARE THAT  
IF THEY DO NOT HAVE VALID (I.E. GENEVA ISSUED) CARNET,  
OWNER WILL EITHER HAVE TO ARRANGE BANK BOND BY AGENT WITHIN INDIA  
FOR DUTY CHARGEABLE IF VEHICLE NOT RE-EXPORTED OR OBTAIN  
PROPER CARNET FROM GENEVA. FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS IN NEIGHBORING  
COUNTRIES NOT IN POSITION TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE GUARANTEES OF  
KIND REQUIRED BY GOI CUSTOMS IN ABSENCE RECOGNIZED CARNET.

2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO GIVE APPROPRIATELY WIDE  
DISSEMINATION ABOVE INFORMATION IN INTERST PREVENTING AIRPORT/  
BORDER CRISES CAUSING INCONVENIENCE AND FRUSTRATION FOR  
BOTH TRAVELERS AND POSTS. GOHEEN UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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